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Broad Street M. E. Church, South

COR. GAY, BROAD AND FIFTH AVE.

J. A. BAYLOR, D. D.

Pastor

Knoxville, Tenn.,

Aug. 23, 1916.

Dr. Brown Ayres, President,

University Tenn.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing copy of action taken by the Ministers Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, relative to the charges made against Prof. Schaeffer.

You will see from the date of this paper that this action was taken before the meeting of Trustees in which this matter was taken up. It did not reach that meeting because of an unfortunate oversight on the part of the stenographer who prepared the letter and who was instructed to mail it. Dr. Stuart and I both left the city for a few days, and when we returned and discovered the mistake, it was too late to get this paper before the meeting of the Trustees. We desire however that you know of the action, and hence the enclosure. We are sending also copies to the members of the special committee who considered the Schaeffer matter, and also copies of this letter.

We have read the action taken by this committee as printed in the daily papers, and we were surprised to see that the chief issue is evaded. *It is* not whether Prof. Schaeffer taught immorality to his classes, but whether he holds that the double standard of morals is the correct scientific standard. I think that is the question that the general public will be interested in. In view of the manner in which this question was taken up, (the accusers of Prof. Schaeffer not having been called before the committee at all) and that Mrs. Crozier French absolutely denies that she ever wrote the commendatory article upon which the committee clears Prof. Schaeffer, we desire to

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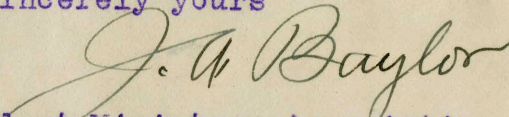
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unite with Mrs. French in asking said committee to declare their verdict void, and that steps be taken to investigate the matter thoroughly. We desire entire justice for Prof. Schaeffer, and we also desire equal justice to the estimable ladies whose honor and veracity has been impugned. Above all, we are concerned as to what is taught in the institutions of our State. We are speaking not as ministers only, but as citizens of Tennessee.

Hoping that you will see the justice of our position, and that such steps may be taken as will really clear this whole matter up, I am

Very sincerely yours



President Ministers Association
M.E.Church, South.

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The Ministers Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, beg leave to state to the members of the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee that they have gone carefully over the stenographic report of the meeting of the Committee from the University with a Committee consisting of Dr. Stough and other gentlemen, relative to the position held by Prof. Schaeffer on the double standard.

We beg to state that we do not consider it a matter of importance as to where Prof. Schaeffer made his statements, or to whom he made them, the vital question is whether Prof. Schaeffer holds that the double standard of morals is the correct scientific standard.

From the testimony of competent witnesses we are forced to the conclusion, from the statements that he has made, that he does hold that the double standard is the correct scientific standard.

We therefore, as ministers of the Gospel, in charge of churches in the City of Knoxville, which are of course to be affected more or less by such teaching in a University located in our midst, most earnestly request that action be taken immediately by the Board of Trustees to remove Prof. Schaeffer, and any other officials who hold such opinions.

Signed

J.A.Baylor, President.
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Knoxville, Tenn.

July 10th, 1916.